Ebba Evelyn Longacre

ST. JOSEPH — Ebba Evelyn Longacre, 99, passed away peacefully at her home Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012, with her loving family by her side.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, where friends may visit at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road., St. Joseph. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Saron Lutheran Church, 510 Main St., St. Joseph, at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, officiated by Rev. Joan Oleson. A burial will be held afterward at Crystal Springs Cemetery. The family is requesting that memorial contributions be made to Saron Lutheran Church. Those wishing to sign the Memory Book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

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Ebba was born Jan. 18, 1913, in Elkhart, Ind., to Emil and Mary (Mathilda) Erickson. She later went on to marry Dale Longacre.

Ebba worked at NBD Bank for more than 15 years as a clerk. A passion of hers was helping others. She was a volunteer at the Soup Kitchen and at Lakeland Hospital. Not only was she a very dedicated member to her church but she was also on the altar guild, involved in the choir and circle as well as being the oldest member of Saron Lutheran Church.

Survivors include daughter, Shirley (Loren) Vachon of Delaware, Ohio; daughter, Marlene (Richard) Schalon of St. Joseph; daughter, Sandi (Michael) Hettig of Benton Harbor; son, Dale (Kay) Longacre of Galien; daughter, Diane Ruth of Benton Harbor; son, Roger (Carolyn) Longacre of Benton Harbor; daughter, Laura (Rod) Mayes of Tulsa, Okla.; 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by husband, Dale Longacre; son, David (Sharon) Longacre; daughter, Joann McGrath and eight brothers and sisters.